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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follow:

In the Specification

Page 3, line ~~10~~, delete "non-positively".

— Delete page 3, line 13 to page 4, line 21, and substitute the following new paragraphs: One advantage achieved by the invention is that the circular blades are easier to handle because the cutting gap between the two circular blades needs to be set only once for the full-service life.

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